

Remarks/Arguments:

By this conforming amendment, claims 15, 20 and 21 are amended; claim 17 is cancelled; claims 1 to 16 and 18 to 30 are before the examiner.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of the allowable subject matter in claims 1 to 14, 17, 20, 21, 28 and 30. Claim 15 has been amended to recite the feature of claim 17, now cancelled, and claims 20, 21 amended to depend from claim 15 for consistency. Claim 15 is claim 17 rewritten in independent form, and the objection is overcome. Claims 16, 18 to 27 and 29 depend from claim 15 and are likewise allowable.

The application is in condition for allowance; allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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